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The General Assembly,

Recalling the international conventions dealing with the protection of cultural and natural heritage, including the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954[1] and its two Protocols,[2] the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property of 1970,[3] and the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of 1972,[4] and recalling also the Recommendation on the Safeguarding of Traditional Culture and Folklore of 1989,

Welcoming the ratification of the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage by one hundred and sixty-seven State parties and noting the inscription of more than six hundred and ninety sites on the World Heritage List,

Mindful of the importance of protecting the world cultural tangible and intangible heritage as a common ground for the promotion of mutual understanding and enrichment among cultures and civilizations,

Noting the work already undertaken to protect the world cultural and natural heritage by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, including the international campaigns,

Welcoming the decisions adopted at the twenty-ninth and thirty-first sessions of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and

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[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 249, No. 3511.
[2] Ibid., vol. 1125, Nos. 17512 and 17513.
[3] Ibid., vol. 823, No. 11806.
[4] Ibid., vol. 1037, No. 15511.

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Cultural Organization and the one hundred and sixty-first session of the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization envisaging and calling for the proclamation of a United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage,

Taking into consideration the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage in 2002,

1. *Proclaims* the year 2002 as the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage;

2. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to serve as the lead agency for the year;

3. *Also invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to intensify, in collaboration with States, observers, relevant United Nations bodies, within their respective mandates, other international organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations, the implementation of programmes, activities and projects aimed at the promotion and protection of world cultural heritage;

4. *Invites* Member States and observers to promote education and raise public awareness to foster respect for national and world cultural heritage;

5. *Calls upon* Member States, observers, national and international organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to make voluntary contributions to finance and support the activities aimed at the promotion and protection of national and world culture heritage, including relevant activities of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

6. *Decides* to devote one day of plenary meetings at the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, on 4 December 2002, to mark the end of the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, and encourages Member States and observers to be represented in those meetings at the highest level possible;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the activities performed during the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage".